

Transportation Control Number (TCN) Construction Issue (MILSTRIP Requisitions)

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Background

- DSS shipment transactions are being rejected by downstream systems due to use of numeric values in rp15 of the TCN.
- Impact: advanced shipment information is not prelodging in the port systems, which slows the incheck processing of the cargo
- MILSTRIP guidance indicates that numeric values are authorized in rp15
- A DTR change was proposed to clarify the TCN construction policy; however, the proposed change is being held in suspense due to a conflict with suffix code assignments.

Defense Transportation Regulation Part

II, Appendix L

Paragraphs B and C

- TCN Construction in response to MILSTRIP requisitions:
 - rp1-14: Enter MILSTRIP requisition document number
 - rp15: Enter the suffix code; if none, enter “X”
 - rp16: Enter the partial shipment code
 - rp17: Enter the split shipment code

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Appendix 2.8

- Suffix Codes:
 - Decentralized distribution system block assignment to preclude duplication:
 - A through E Initial Processing Source
 - F through H,J,K First Secondary Processing Source
 - L,M,Q,T,U Second Secondary Processing Source
 - V through X Third Secondary Processing Source
 - 2 through 9 Fourth Secondary Processing Source
 - Centralized distribution system assignment:
 - A through Z, 2 through 9, exclusive of I,N,O,P,R,S,Y,Z
- Demand Codes: I,N,O,P,R,S,Z,1,0

Issue

- MILSTRIP and DTR Suffix Code Guidance are in conflict
 - MILSTRIP allows “X” as a valid suffix code
 - DTR allows “X” as a default when the suffix code in the document number is blank
- Impact:
 - If tracking a MILSTRIP order by TCN and if there is an “X” in rp15, there is no way to know by looking at the TCN if the requisition was partialled or not. The user has to perform a further inquiries to review the supply data to determine if the initial order was partialled.

Recommendation

- Modify MILSTRIP to remove “X” as a suffix code
- Insert MILSTRIP table into DTR to clearly identify the valid values for rp15 of the TCN and a default value of “X” when there is no suffix code.